

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

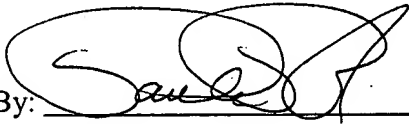
This election is made with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on claims 1-16 together, nor would it be unduly burdensome to perform a search on the peptides listed in claims 6-9 together. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

II. CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number BEAR006.

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